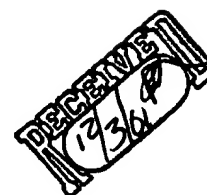


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Enclosed for the Examiner's records please find a duplicate transmittal of the Request for Reconsideration which was mailed on October 25, 2001 in response to the Final Official Action dated September 10, 2001. Applicants submit that this response was timely filed in accordance with the procedures set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 and thus request that the original date of mailing be admitted as the official filing date of the response.

In view of the recent disruption in mail delivery to and from the USPTO, Applicant contacted the Examiner to verify that the documents mailed on October 25, 2001 had been received and processed by the USPTO. The Examiner indicated that he did not believe that the Request for Reconsideration had not been received and processed. Accordingly, in view of the finality of the previous Office Action, the Examiner put Applicant in touch with a customer service representative who suggested that Applicant re-submit copies of the original documents by facsimile.

Applicants hereby submit that the Request for Reconsideration was timely and officially filed on October 25, 2001 in accordance with the mailing procedures set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. The current transmission is being made to assist the Examiner in processing and examining this application in view of the current disruptions in mail service to the USPTO.

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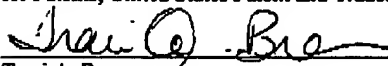


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